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- Nîmes is located in Southern France
- On the border between Provence and Languedoc
- The name 'Nîmes' has been derived from Nemausus
- It has a rich history that dates back to the Roman Empire
- The town of Nîmes is in many ways a cross roads of French history and art
- The ancient city has more than 2000 years of culture and history
- The city is also known for its textiles
- Denim, the fabric of blue jeans derived its name from the city.
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# Foods



One of the most famous dishes in Provence, the tapenade, is an olive based paste to be eaten over fresh bread.

# Places to go

## **Les Arènes**

- One of the best-preserved Roman arenas anywhere
- capacity of more than 20,000 spectators
- When Rome's sway was broken by the barbarian invasions, the arena became a fortress and eventually a slum

## **Maison Carrée**

- jewel-like temple
- Built in 5 AD
- dedicated to the adopted sons of Emperor Augustus

## **Musée d'Art Contemporain**

- containing an impressive collection of French and Western European art of the last four decades

# The Maison Carrée



The Maison Carree is an ancient structure that stands till date in Nîmes, which is located in current day southern France. It is believed to be one of the best preserved temples of Ancient Rome which is found anywhere in the territory that made for the former Roman Empire.



# Famous person

**Jean Nicot** (1530–1600)

French diplomat and scholar

ambassador in Lisbon, Portugal

brought back tobacco and snuff to the French court from Portugal

Tobacco soon became fashionable in Paris making Nicot famous



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